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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

CHINA.

Hongkong—Plague—Examination of Rats.

Surg. Brown reports: During the week ended February 3, 9 cases of plague with 8 deaths were reported at Hongkong.

During the week ended January 27, 1,824 rats were examined for plague infection, and during the week ended February 3, 1,942 rats. No plague-infected rat was found.

HAWAII.

Record of Plague Infection.

The last case of human plague at Honolulu occurred July 12, 1910.

The last plague-infected rat was found at Aiea, 9 miles from Honolulu, April 12, 1910.

A case of human plague was reported at Kapulena, Hawaii, October 28, 1911.

At Hilo the last case of human plague occurred March 23, 1910. At Honokaa, 60 miles from Hilo, a fatal case occurred April 20, 1911, a fatal case February 9, 1912, and 2 fatal cases February 25, 1912.

The last plague-infected rats reported found at Honokaa were 49 found during the week ended March 2, 1912. At Hilo a plague-infected rat was found during the week ended June 10, 1911, and 2 plague-infected rats were reported found February 29, 1912.

Honolulu—Plague—Prevention Work.

Chief Quarantine Officer Ramus reports:

	Week ended Feb. 17.	Week ended Feb. 24.
Total rats and mongoose taken.....	422	573
Rats trapped.....	412	381
Mongoose trapped.....	10	8
Rats killed by sulphur dioxide.....		184
Examined bacteriologically.....	372	503
Classification of rats trapped:		
<i>Mus alexandrinus</i>	54	50
<i>Mus musculus</i>	71	73
<i>Mus norvegicus</i>	54	46
<i>Mus rattus</i>	233	212
Average number of traps set daily.....	1,720	1,720
Classification of rats killed by sulphur dioxide:		
<i>Mus alexandrinus</i>		12
<i>Mus norvegicus</i>		171
<i>Mus rattus</i>		171

Death from Plague at Honokaa.

Dr. Ramus reported the occurrence of a death from plague March 18, at Honokaa.

Mosquito-Eradication Measures at Honolulu.

The following statement of the work of mosquito destruction at Honolulu was received from Passed Asst. Surg. McCoy, who is detailed as sanitary adviser to the Governor of the Territory of Hawaii:

Mosquito-eradication measures conducted at Honolulu from Feb. 19 to 24, 1912, both inclusive.

Inspections of—	Total inspections.	Larvæ found in.	Ordered cleaned.	Oiled.	Drained.	Emptied.	Collected.	Filled.	Ordered repaired.	Screened.	Stocked with mosquito fish.
Gutters, house.....	1,643	17	30	5	14	14			20		
Gutters, street.....	272	6		69	1			2			7
Standing water.....	642	35	12	71	62			37			
Cesspools.....	867	22	9	21					8		
Privy vaults.....	1,091	16	5	24					12		
Holes and low places.....	827	119	2	77	7			98			2
Catch basins.....	874	34	11	94					3		
Leaky fixtures.....	60	1							38		
Plants, etc.....	2,293	1									
Swamps.....	91	16		11	4						
Ponds.....	33	7		3	4						
Troughs and tanks.....	213	18	8			9				2	8
Tubs, or other receptacles.....	662	99	16			246	2				
Tin cans, bottles.....	2,010	80	137			874					
Water barrels.....	381	58	6			80					30
Vacant houses.....	46	2							2		
Grease traps.....	151	1	3								
Yards.....	618	14	2		14			3			

Legal notices to abate nuisances served.....	127
Nuisances abated.....	114
Rice plantations inspected.....	6
Wagonloads of tin cans, bottles, etc., collected.....	33

INDIA.

Calcutta—Cholera and Plague.

Acting Asst. Surg. Allan reports: During the week ended January 27, 49 deaths from cholera and 16 from plague were reported in Calcutta; in all Bengal, 2,184 cases of plague, with 1,740 deaths; in all India, 14,384 cases of plague, with 11,977 deaths.

ITALY.

Naples—Examination of Emigrants.

Surg. Geddings reports:

Vessels inspected at Naples and Palermo week ended February 24, 1912.

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Feb. 18	Franconia.....	New York.....			
19	Wallaceton.....	Pensacola.....			
20	Italia.....	New York.....			
21	Principe di Piemonte.....	do.....	469	60	450
23	Duca d' Aosta.....	do.....	1,452	190	1,950
24	Sant' Anna.....	do.....	675	90	980
24	Luigi Ciampa.....	do.....			
	Total.....		2,596	340	3,380

PALERMO.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Feb. 19	Emilia.....	New York.....			
22	Principe di Piemonte.....	do.....	248	150	125
23	Citta di Palermo.....	New Orleans.....			
24	Italia.....	New York.....			
	Total.....		248	150	125